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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled: "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 46th and 50th meetings, on 16 and 19 December 1992, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (A/47/733) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/763).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.15

3. At the 50th meeting, on 19 December, the representative of Spain introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.15.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.15 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.46 and 50).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/18 of 20 November 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 46/198 B of 14 February 1992, 46/222 A of 14 February 1992 and 46/222 B of 22 May 1992,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 717 (1991) of 16 October 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia, and Council resolution 728 (1992) of 8 January 1992, by which the Council approved the proposal of the Secretary-General to expand the mandate of the Advance Mission, 1/ especially with regard to the provision of assistance in mine clearing by Cambodians,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 718 (1991) of 31 October 1991, by which the Council expressed its full support for the agreements on a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodia conflict (Paris Agreements), signed in Paris on 23 October 1991, 2/ and Council resolution 745 (1992) of 28 February 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, in accordance with the report of the Secretary-General of 19 February 1992, 3/ for a period not to exceed eighteen months,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 766 (1992) of 21 July 1992, by which the Council approved the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative to continue to implement the Paris Agreements despite the difficulties,

Taking note also of Security Council resolutions 783 (1992) of 13 October 1992 and 792 (1992) of 30 November 1992, by which the Council confirmed that the electoral process should be carried out in accordance with the timetable laid down in the implementation plan and thus that the election for a constituent assembly would be held no later than May 1993,

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1/ See S/23331 and Add.1.

2/ See A/46/608-S/23177, annex.

3/ S/23613.

Taking further note of Security Council resolution 792 (1992), by which the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit any recommendations for the holding of a presidential election to the Council for decision,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia 4/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

Noting that the revised budgetary estimates for the Advance Mission and for the Transitional Authority as contained in the report of the Secretary-General 4/ amount to 1,603,018,000 United States dollars gross (1,578,847,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1991 to 31 July 1993, a reduction of 118,578,700 dollars gross (120,665,100 net) from the initial cost estimates contained in the previous report of the Secretary-General, 6/

Noting also that the duration of the mandate of the Advance Mission extended from the signature of the Paris agreements until the establishment of the Transitional Authority by the Security Council, at which time the Advance Mission was absorbed into the Transitional Authority,

Recognizing that the costs of the Advance Mission and of the Transitional Authority are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Advance Mission and the Transitional Authority, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Authority with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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4/ A/47/733.

5/ A/47/763.

6/ A/46/903.

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia and the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia by certain Governments,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 5/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia and the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia in full and on time;

3. Decides, at this stage, to appropriate, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 62 of the report of the Advisory Committee, an amount of 483,961,200 dollars gross (470,808,500 dollars net) for the continued operation of the Transitional Authority for the period from 1 November 1992 to 30 April 1993, in addition to the amount of 839,576,200 dollars gross (833,171,300 dollars net) already appropriated for the Advance Mission and the Transitional Authority;

4. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 483,961,200 dollars gross (470,808,500 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 7/

5. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 13,152,700 dollars approved for the Transitional Authority;

6. Decides that the unencumbered balance of 162,345,800 gross (160,941,000 net) in respect of the period from 1 November 1991 to 31 October 1992 shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States as provided for in paragraph 4 above;

7. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Transitional Authority at a rate not to exceed 241,841,300 dollars gross (235,823,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 May to 31 July 1993, subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

7/ See resolution 46/221 A.

8. Decides to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-seventh session;

9. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 8 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

10. Invites voluntary contributions to the Transitional Authority in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Transitional Authority is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a detailed performance report on the budget of the Transitional Authority, including the planned disposal of the assets of the operation;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia".